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The program committee of the festival have arranged that the monster chorus sing at the November concerts on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings of each of the two weeks of the festival. At the outset, Pommer's Swabian Folk-Song, "Come, Come, Dorothy, Come;" Mendelssohn's "Forty second Psalm;" Gounod's cantata, "Gallia," and the bridal chorus from Cowen's "Rose Maiden" were placed in reliearsal. These were followed by the chorals from Mozart's "Twelfth Mass," the cantata " Fair Ellen," by Bruch and several choral numbers by Richard Wagner. Mme. Lillian Nordica has consented to devote the only evening on which she can be in St. Louis, Nov. 5, to a participation in the Mendelssolm Psahn, and all the soprano solo numbers are assigned to this distinguished cantatrice. The orchestral accompaniment has been allotted to a specially selected body of ninety of the leading instrumentalists of

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The season will open with a popular choral concert on Nov. 29, at which the society will introduce "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast," a cantata by Coleridge Taylor. This is a remarkable work by a new composer, who has lately achieved a widespread fame. The tenor role will be taken by Mr. H. Evan Williams.

The first artist concert will be given Dec. 13, in which the great contralto, Mme. Schumann-Heink, will be the soloist.

The third concert of the season will be the annual performance of Ilandel's immortal "Messiah." The soloists will be Mrs. Seabury Ford, soprano; Mrs. Adelaide Jordan, contralto; George Handin, tenor; Charles W Clark, bass; with Mr. Charles Galloway at the organ. All are well known here except Mrs. Jordan, who will make her first appearance. Her voice is said to be remarkable for clearness and strength.

The first symphony will be performed Jan. 10. Tschsaikowski's symphony in S minor, popularly called "Pathetique," has been

The fifth concert of the series will be given Jan. 24. The artist to appear will be Ernst von Dolmanyi, who made such phenomenal success in America last spring.

The next concert of this season will be a production of Haydu's oratorio, "The Creation," for which the soloists will be Mrs. lover of music.

rine Fisk, Gertrude May Stein, Charlotte Mamie Hissem-DeMoss, soprano; William II. Rieger, tenor, and Ericsson Bushnell, bass. Mrs. DeMoss ranks among the first of coloratura singers.

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MANNER OF PRACTICING THE EXERCISES IN THIS BOOK.

The first note of each exercise is to be struck from the wrist, as indicated by the arrow \(\frac{1}{2}\). Having struck the
first note, the next note is to be struck with a finger stroke, and connected with the previous note perfectly legals.

2. By legato is meant the keeping down of each key during the full length or time value of the note, and until the next note is struck. It is like walking—both feet are never off the ground at the same time, no matter how fast one may walk. When the weight of the body is placed on the advanced foot the rear one is lifted, not before. Legato playing is accomplished in precisely the same manner.

 In repeating an exercise, instead of again striking the first note from the wrist, connect it legato with the last note of the measure. See examples 1, 2, 3 and 4 next page.

4. If you desire a beautiful, firm, full, velvety tone hold the fingers rounded (archlike) in striking. See illustration No. 1. Never permit the first joint of the finger to relax so that the first two phalanges (bones) of the fingers form a curved line inward, as shown by illustration No. 2. This is a fault committed by ninety-five out of every hundred pupils, sometimes through weakness of the fingers, but oftener through mere carelessness.



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No. 2.-FAULTY POSITION.

- Divide the time of practice equally between the hands.
 Never play any exercise with both hands until each hand has practiced its part alone, and can play it perfectly.
 Practicing both hands simultaneously is bad, as the student cannot observe the faults of both hands at the same time.
- At first always practice piano; to play forte only tends to stiffen the muscles of the hands, which should at all times be perfectly relaxed.
- 8. In raising the fingers to strike, which should be entirely from the knuckle joints, do not force the fingers higher than they can go with ease. All straining is detrimental to the acquirement of a good touch, as it stiffens the muscles.
- 9. Be very careful to keep the fingers rounded both in raising and striking; to straighten and bend them again is lost motion and very detrimental to a good touch. The finger should retain a rounded position at all times, and the action of lifting the finger be confined to the knuckle joint.
- 10. When an exercise can be played perfectly piano try it a little louder, but as soon as the muscles stiffen in the least and arm pressure is used instead of mere finger work, return to piano practice.
- 11. Be careful uever to allow the hands to slant, causing the fingers to strike sideways—the top of the hand should at all times be perfectly level.
- 12. Never practice the exercises in a mechanical manuer. Unless the attention is upon the work, such practice is absolutely worse than none at all, as it produces only bad habits.
- 13. Devote daily no less than a quarter of an hour to the finger exercises and a quarter of an hour to the scales. Such practice will in the course of a year enable you to play with ease difficulties in a manner that will astonish you and your friends.
- 14. Remember that the five finger exercise, arpeggios and scales are the foundation of the art of playing the piano well.

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SECTION I.

PART I.

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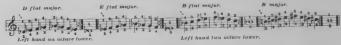
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Location of the hands in practicing these exercises.



SECTION II

DOUBLE NOTES.

In the study of the exercises in doubte notes be very careful not to arpeggio, (break the thirds) nor to accent one note more than another.



EXERCISES WITH MOVING HAND.





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SECTION III.

In, the following exercises the aim is to acquire independence of the fingers. While some of the fingers are engaged holding down keys, the others play the notes alloted them. At first this may prove quite difficult careful practice however will establish the independence sought.

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FIVE FINGER POSITION.



The exercises are to be practiced also in the keys of D flat major, E flat major, B flat major, and B major.





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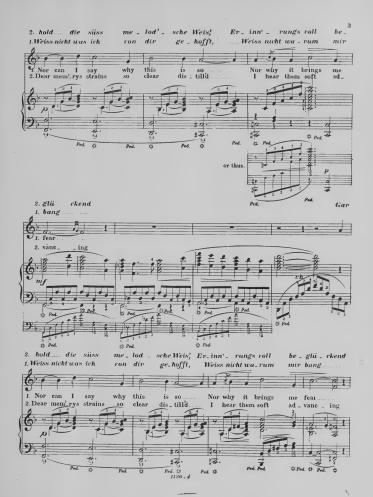
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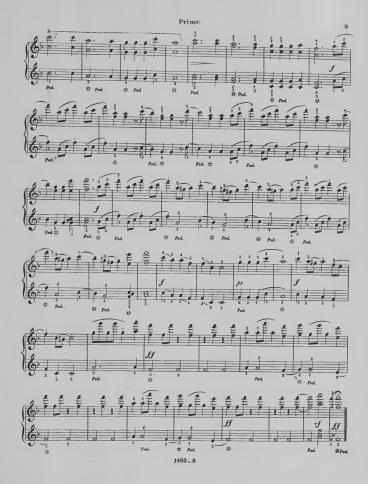




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